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(b) You may withdraw your application in writing before BLM issues a grant. If you do so, you are liable for all reasonable processing costs the United States has incurred up to the time you withdraw the application and for the reasonable costs of terminating your application. Any money you have not paid is due within 30 calendar days after receiving a bill for the amount due. Any money you paid that is not used to cover costs the United States incurred as a result of your application will be refunded to you.

§ 2804.28 What processing fees must I pay for a BLM grant application associated with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses or re-license applications under part I of the Federal Power Act (FPA)?

(a) You must reimburse BLM for the costs which the United States incurs in processing your grant application associated with a FERC project, other than those described at § 2801.6(b)(7) of this part. BLM also requires reimbursement for processing a grant application associated with a FERC project licensed before October 24, 1992, that involves the use of additional public lands outside the original area reserved under section 24 of the FPA.

(b) BLM will determine the amount you must pay by using the processing fee categories described at § 2804.14 of this subpart and bill you for the costs. FERC will address other costs associated with processing a FERC license or relicense (*see* 18 CFR chapter I).

§ 2804.29 What activities may I conduct on the lands covered by the proposed right-of-way while BLM is processing my application?

(a) You may conduct casual use activities on the BLM lands covered by the application, as may any other member of the public. BLM does not require a grant for casual use on BLM lands.

(b) For any activities on BLM lands that are not casual use, you must obtain prior BLM approval.

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Subpart 2805—Terms and Conditions of Grants

§ 2805.10 How will I know whether BLM has approved or denied my application?

(a) BLM will send you a written response on your application. If we do not deny the application, we will send you an unsigned grant for your review and signature that:

(1) Includes any terms, conditions, and stipulations that BLM determines to be in the public interest. This includes modifying your proposed use or changing the route or location of the facilities;

(2) May include terms that prevent your use of the right-of-way until you have an approved Plan of Development and BLM has issued a Notice to Proceed; and

(3) Will impose a specific term for the grant. Each grant that BLM issues for 20 or more years will contain a provision requiring periodic review at the end of the twentieth year and subsequently at 10-year intervals. BLM may change the terms and conditions of the grant as a result of these reviews in accordance with § 2805.15(e) of this subpart.

(b) If you agree with the terms and conditions of the unsigned grant, you should sign and return it to BLM with any payment required under § 2805.16 of this subpart. BLM will sign the grant and return it to you with a final decision issuing the grant if the regulations in this part, including § 2804.26, remain satisfied. You may appeal this decision under § 2801.10 of this part.

(c) If BLM denies your application, we will send you a written decision that will:

(1) State the reasons for the denial (*see* § 2804.26 of this part);

(2) Identify any processing costs you must pay (*see* § 2804.14 of this part); and

(3) Notify you of your right to appeal this decision under § 2801.10 of this part.

§ 2805.11 What does a grant contain?

The grant states what your rights are on the lands subject to the grant and contains information about:

(a) *What lands you can use or occupy.* The lands may or may not correspond to those for which you applied. BLM

will limit the grant to those lands which BLM determines:

- (1) You will occupy with authorized facilities;
- (2) Are necessary for constructing, operating, maintaining, and terminating the authorized facilities;
- (3) Are necessary to protect the public health and safety;
- (4) Will not unnecessarily damage the environment; and
- (5) Will not result in unnecessary or undue degradation.

(b) *How long you can use the right-of-way.* Each grant will state the length of time that you are authorized to use the right-of-way.

(1) BLM will consider the following factors in establishing a reasonable term:

- (i) The public purpose served;
- (ii) Cost and useful life of the facility;
- (iii) Time limitations imposed by licenses or permits required by other Federal agencies and state, tribal, or local governments; and
- (iv) The time necessary to accomplish the purpose of the grant.

(2) All grants, except those issued for a term of less than one year and those issued in perpetuity, expire on December 31 of the final year of the grant.

(c) *How you can use the right-of-way.* You may only use the right-of-way for the specific use the grant authorizes.

§ 2805.12 What terms and conditions must I comply with?

By accepting a grant, you agree to comply with and be bound by the following terms and conditions. During construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the project you must:

- (a) To the extent practicable, comply with all existing and subsequently enacted, issued, or amended Federal laws and regulations and state laws and regulations applicable to the authorized use;
- (b) Rebuild and repair roads, fences, and established trails destroyed or damaged by the project;
- (c) Build and maintain suitable crossings for existing roads and significant trails that intersect the project;
- (d) Do everything reasonable to prevent and suppress wildfires on or in the

immediate vicinity of the right-of-way area;

(e) Not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment during any phase of the project because of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. You must also require subcontractors to not discriminate;

(f) Pay monitoring fees and rent described in § 2805.16 of this subpart and subpart 2806 of this part;

(g) If BLM requires, obtain, and/or certify that you have obtained, a surety bond or other acceptable security to cover any losses, damages, or injury to human health, the environment, and property in connection with your use and occupancy of the right-of-way, including terminating the grant, and to secure all obligations imposed by the grant and applicable laws and regulations. If you plan to use hazardous materials in the operation of your grant, you must provide a bond that covers liability for damages or injuries resulting from releases or discharges of hazardous materials. BLM may require a bond, an increase or decrease in the value of an existing bond, or other acceptable security at any time during the term of the grant;

(h) Assume full liability if third parties are injured or damages occur to property on or near the right-of-way (see § 2807.12 of this part);

(i) Comply with project-specific terms, conditions, and stipulations, including requirements to:

(1) Restore, revegetate, and curtail erosion or conduct any other rehabilitation measure BLM determines necessary;

(2) Ensure that activities in connection with the grant comply with air and water quality standards or related facility siting standards contained in applicable Federal or state law or regulations;

(3) Control or prevent damage to:

(i) Scenic, aesthetic, cultural, and environmental values, including fish and wildlife habitat;

(ii) Public and private property; and

(iii) Public health and safety;

(4) Protect the interests of individuals living in the general area who rely on the area for subsistence uses as that